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From: Sean King
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 12:35 PM
To: Hanke, Dave (Cornyn)
Cc: Kraig Siracuse; JOHN ZAGAME; Joel Giambra
Subject: Somalia
Attachments: Somali PM MAM bio.docx

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Dear David,

Hi, how are you? As you may recall, I work with Kraig Siracuse and we've discussed Taiwan before. However, I'm reaching out to you today on another key foreign policy matter. FYI, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Republic of Somalia.

As I'm sure you've heard and read, Somalia's Transitional Federal Government is leading a valiant effort to hold off a vicious insurgency from the al Qaeda-linked Harakat al-Shabaab. In fact, many of Somalia's leaders, including Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed himself (please see the Prime Minister's bio attached), are U.S. citizens who have gone home to wage this gallant struggle and are in turn risking their lives. What's more, abject famine also plagues Somalia.

Next Wednesday, April 6th, my colleague, John Zagame, and I will be in Washington, D.C. with Abukar Arman. Ambassador Arman is Somalia's Special Envoy to the United States. Before accepting his current position, he was an independent analyst and a community advocate. Over the years, he has written extensively about U.S. foreign policy vis-à-vis Somalia and the Islamic world, and lectured on violent extremism and the role of inter-faith relations in peace-building. Mr. Arman is listed on the Speakers Bureau of the speakers in Ohio Humanities Council.

Could John and I possibly stop by next Wednesday, April 6th to briefly introduce you to Ambassador Arman? As a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, I'm sure Senator Cornyn can benefit from what you might be able to tell him after you meet Ambassador Arman. Thanks for any time you can afford us, and thanks in advance for your kind consideration. We hope to spend some time with you soon.

Best wishes,

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Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed

On October 14, 2010, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed was appointed the new Prime Minister of Somalia by the country's President. The Somali Parliament overwhelmingly approved Mohamed's appointment on October 31, 2010. 297 of the 392 Members of Parliament endorsed the selection, 92 MPs voted against, and 3 abstained.

Political analysts who have weighed in on the selection have generally expressed optimism in Mohamed's prospects of fulfilling his duties as Prime Minister in the face of an obstinate insurgency in the southern part of the country. Factors cited include Mohamed's background in the Somali Diaspora; his lack of political baggage; his diplomatic and administrative experience; his commitment to democratic principles; his relatively young age; and the fresh perspective he brings to his office by which he aims to generate greater public support for the government among Somalia's beleaguered people.

United Nations General Ban Ki-Moon personally congratulated Mohamed on his new appointment, and commended the Somali leadership for having reached a consensus on procedural arrangements that facilitated a transparent and consultative confirmation of the Premier. The African Union also welcomed the new Prime Minister and re-affirmed the AU's support for the Somali government.

On November 1, 2010, Mohamed was sworn into office at a ceremony held in the presidential residence, Villa Somalia.

On November 12, 2010, Mohamed named a new Cabinet. He noted that "the Somali people and the international community were waiting for a competent and credible Somali cabinet, and I am happy to appoint this lean, capable cabinet." The ministerial positions were significantly reduced in number, with only 18 administrative posts versus the previous government's bloated 39 positions. Only two Ministers from the previous Cabinet were reappointed. The remaining ministerial positions were largely assigned to technocrats new to the Somali political arena.

War on Terror and Piracy

Since taking office Prime Minister Mohamed has concentrated on building the basic institutions of government and "fighting a two-front war against terrorism and piracy." The Al Shabab terrorist organization, with its close links to Al Qaeda, has been targeted with greater urgency and military effectiveness. In recent weeks, significant progress has been made on the ground in Somalia against Al Shabab by the new government and the allied **African Union Mission for Somalia (AMISOM)**, securing greater government control of the Capital Mogadishu and gaining territory on a number of fronts across the country. With almost a thousand newly-trained government troops on the way, set to be augmented by an additional 4000 AMISOM soldiers, the pace of territorial gains is expected to accelerate.

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From: Chris D'Amato
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 10:47 AM
To: Valerie Levin; LaShaun Lesley
Subject: FARA email contact Somalia

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Date: May 6, 2011 6:09:46 PM EDT
To: Chris D'Amato <cdamato@parkstrategies.com>
Subject: RE: Somalia PM meeting request with OVP

Sorry for the delay. VP schedule is packed with budget stuff as you can imagine. Checking on staff. Do you know who you are meeting with at state?

From: Chris D'Amato [<mailto:cdamato@parkstrategies.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 11:24 AM
To: Hoffman, Alan L.
Subject: FW: Somalia PM meeting request with OVP

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Good morning Alan,

I just left a message with your assistant regarding the below request which, I know, is being made with tremendously short notice; we only discovered this morning that the Somali PM was going to be in DC next week.

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Somalia Prime Minister Mohamed is going to be visiting the US again next week, where he'll be attending meetings at the United Nations on Tuesday. He plans on travelling to Washington, DC next Wednesday, May 11 through Friday, May 13 for purposes of meeting with Members of Congress and the Department of State. I know that it is short notice, but the Prime Minister would be grateful for a chance to meet with Vice President Biden and/or members of his national security staff at some point during next week while in DC, even if just for a few minutes, in order to provide a briefing regarding recent developments in Somalia, including the following:

- Progress on the ground against the Al Shabab insurgency, which is daily bringing more territory under the control of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG), leading the government to plan for a Reconciliation Conference to bring various regional, clan, and political factions together *as early as this June, 2011.*
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Best Regards,

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From: Joel Giambra
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Subject: Somalia

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Hi Laura , My colleague Mil Miller asked to pass along to you that the D.C. staff (Marty) is supportive of the request for the PM to possible meet with the Senator. Thanks Joel

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From: Sean King
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To: vance_serchuk@lieberman.senate.gov
Subject: Singapore

This material is distributed by Park Strategies, LLC on behalf of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Dear Vance,

Thanks very much for your call back last Wednesday. As you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

I understand Senator Lieberman has no immediate plans to visit Taiwan, but that he looks forward to doing so before he leaves office. That's wonderful news. However, it's just come to my attention that Senator Lieberman will visit Singapore in June. As Taiwan's very much on the way to and from Singapore, it would be ideal if Senator Lieberman could even stop there for just a day or two en route to or from Singapore. This way, Senator Lieberman could see Taiwan and call on President Ma Ying-jeou before the January 2011 elections and be able to visit Taiwan in the 100th year of the Republic of China (Taiwan's official name).

Please let me know if this might be at all possible, thanks very much in advance for your kind consideration.

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Subject: Scheduling a mtg. with PM of Somalia

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Dear Ms. Garlock,

As you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Transitional Federal Government of Somali Republic.

I wanted to follow-up on our conversation from this morning, to add that the Prime Minister and the Park Strategies team are willing to do a sidebar meeting, if possible. Please let us know if you can find 10 minutes in between meetings on May 11, 2011 or May 12, 2011.

Thanks,
LaShaun

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Gentlemen,

The Prime Minister's meeting with the UN Security Council was moved to Wednesday, May 11th. The Washington meetings will have to be Thursday the 12th or Friday the 13th.

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Thank you-Joel